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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PLO LE MARR
SUBJ: REPORTED REMARKS OF ALI HASAN SALAMAH ON A PEACE
SETTLEMENT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON MAY 12, BRITISH
COUNSELOR STEPHEN DAY SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN AT
DINNER WHERE ALI HASAN SALAMAH (ABU HASSAN), ARAFAT'S
PERSONAL SECURITY CHIEF, WAS PRESENT. SALAMAH HAD SAID
FOLLOWING, ACCORDING TO DAY:

2. THE PLO WOULD CONTINUE TO MOUNT MILITARY OPERATIONS TO
FORCE THE WORLD TO NOTICE THE PALESTINIANS AND GIVE THEM
A PLACE AT THE PEACE TABLE. IF PLO LEADERS BELIEVED THAT
NEGOTIATIONS WERE LIKELY TO RESULT IN THEIR GETTING "ANY
PIECE OF LAND" IN PALESTINE, THEY WOULD AGREE TO JOIN THEM,
EVEN IF THEY HAD TO COMPROMISE ON THE FORM OF THEIR
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PARTICIPATION. THUS, THE PLO LAST YEAR WAS PREPARED
TO HAVE TWO AMERICAN PROFESSORS REPRESENT IT AT GENEVA
WHO WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS A PLO
DELEGATION, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER PLO CONTROL.

3. THE ISRAELI INVASION HAD STRENGTHENED THE POSITION
OF FATAH AND YASIR ARAFAT WITHIN THE PLO. THE INVASION

HAD PROVED AGAIN THAT ARAFAT AND FATAH WERE WILLING TO
FIGHT IN THE FRONT LINES AGAINST ISRAEL.
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